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SUBJECT: CZECH AMNESTY ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOON BRIEFING

FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT PORTION NOON BRIEFING JULY 1 WHICH
DEALT WITH CZECH AMNESTY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Q: HAVE YOU ANY REACTION TO THE DECISION BY THE CZECH-
OSLOVAK GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW BACK ABOUT 35,000 PEOPLE WHO
LEFT THE COUNTRY?

A: WE HAVE READ THE REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF
CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS ANNOUNCED WHAT AMOUNTS TO A BLANKET
AMNESTY -- NOW, THAT'S AS IT IS REPORTED -- FOR A NUMBER
OF CITIZENS WHO LEFT THE COUNTRY IN 1968 OR AFTER 1968.
WE HOPE THE ACTION WILL FACILITATE VISITS BY AMERICAN
CITIZENS OF CZECH DESCENT WHO UNDER PREVIOUS CZECH
REGULATIONS WERE NOT ABLE TO RETURN WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT
TO PENALTY UNDER CZECH LAW FOR LEAVING THE COUNTRY
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ILLEGALLY. WE BELIEVE FREER MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE WOULD BE
CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMITMENTS OF THE SIGNATORIES OF
THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, AND, OF COURSE, WE WELCOME ANY
STEPS THAT GO IN THAT DIRECTION. CHRISTOPHER

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